

# eMARS User Group Meeting

## September 30, 2010



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# Agenda

**Opening Remarks**

Ed Ross

**Recent ePay Upgrade**

Donald Sweasy

**Financial Mgmt Sys**

Donald Sweasy

**Hardware Migration**

Rachelle Wilkins

**eMARS Upgrade**

Rachelle Wilkins

**Team Introductions**

Rachelle Wilkins

**Misc Items**

Barbara Aldridge-Montfort

**Q & A**



# ePAY Upgrade



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# ePAY Upgrade

- Implemented Sept. 14, 2010
- Card transactions now post to FIS/Link 2 Gov Gateway payment platform
  - More flexible and scalable platform
  - Improved monitoring and alerts
  - Access to FIS Reporting (DataPoint)
  - Ability to accept additional payment methods (future ePAY upgrade)
    - Debit (PIN and PINless)

# Financial Management System



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# Financial Management System

- Reciprocity agreement between Commonwealth and U.S. Treasury
  - U.S. Treasury (Financial Management Service) will intercept federal payments if vendor owes funds to Commonwealth
  - Commonwealth will intercept state payments where vendor owes funds to the U.S. Treasury
    - Only payments currently eligible for intercept will be subject to intercept by U.S. Treasury



# Hardware Migration



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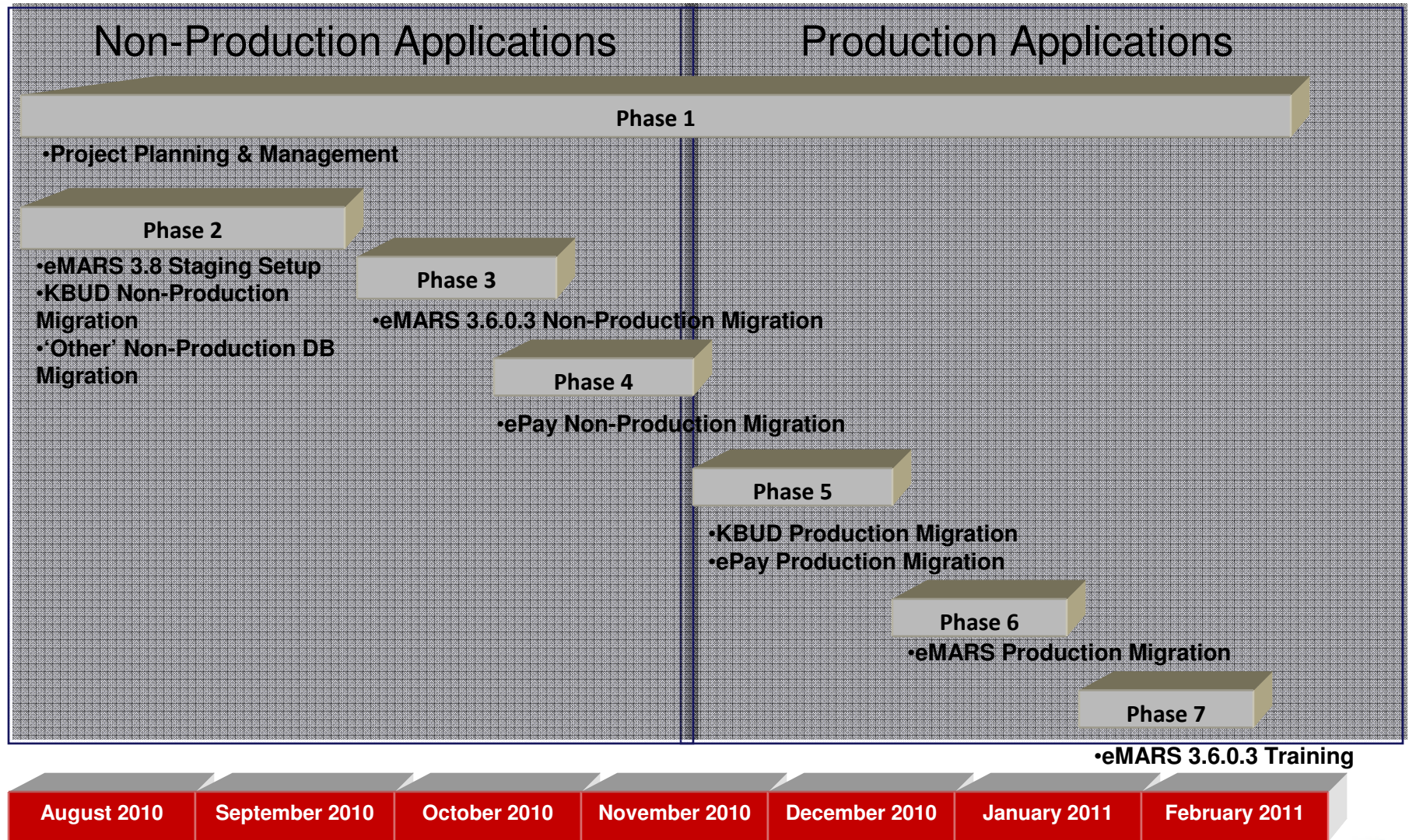
# Hardware Migration

- Hardware Migration is the “pre-project” or Phase 1
- Huge Effort to move and consolidate:
  - 6+ Applications
    - eMARS, KBUD, ePAY, infoAdvantage, FAS2, etc.
  - 38 Servers Total





# Hardware Migration Timeline



# Hardware Migration

## ➤ Key Dates:

- KBUD – Dec. 3-5, 2010
- ePAY – Dec. 11-12, 2010
- FAS<sup>2</sup> – Dec. 18-19, 2010
- eMARS – Jan. 13-17, 2011 (application will be unavailable on Thursday and Friday prior to Martin Luther King Holiday weekend)



# eMARS Upgrade Plan



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# eMARS Upgrade Plan

- Kentucky has applied to be a 3.9 Beta Site
  - Being a “Beta” partner is not new for KY:
    - eMARS was a 3.6 Beta Site
    - KBUD was a 3.8 Beta Site
- Why 3.9
  - Latest version of the software
  - Platform Upgrades
  - 3% Withholding on vendor payments (IRS regulation)
  - Procurement Upgrades



# eMARS Upgrade Timeline

3.8.0.2 Environment	Oct. 2010
3.8.0.2 Team Training and Prototyping	Oct. 2010 – Jan. 2011
3.8.0.2 User Acceptance Testing	Feb. 2011 – June 2011
3.9 Beta Released	April 2011
3.9 Prototyping and User Acceptance Testing	July 2011 – Jan. 2012
3.9 Agency Training	Feb. 2012
3.9 Go Live	Mid March 2012

# eMARS Upgrade Team Introductions



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# eMARS Upgrade Project Teams

## ➤ Project Management

- Commonwealth – Rachelle Wilkins
- CGI – John Jones

## ➤ Procurement Team

- Commonwealth – Rose Caudle
- CGI – Ben Hoh

## ➤ Technical

- Commonwealth – Rachelle Wilkins
- CGI – Ramya Asokan and Srihari Venugopal

# eMARS Upgrade Project Teams

## ➤ **Cost Accounting**

- Commonwealth – Diana Holberg
- CGI – John Jones

## ➤ **Disbursements**

- Commonwealth – Donald Sweasy and  
Barbara Aldridge-Montfort
- CGI – Tonya Brown

## ➤ **General Accounting/Chart of Accounts**

- Commonwealth – John Bailey
- CGI – John Jones



# eMARS Upgrade Project Teams

## ➤ Budget

- Commonwealth – Rachelle Wilkins
- CGI – Ben Hoh

## ➤ Fixed Assets

- Commonwealth – Jennie Wolfe
- CGI – Tonya Brown

## ➤ Accounts Payable/Travel

- Commonwealth – Barbara Aldridge-Montfort
- CGI – Tonya Brown



# eMARS Upgrade Project Teams

## ➤ **Security/Workflow and User Interface**

- Commonwealth – Donald Sweasy
- CGI – Srihari Venugopal

## ➤ **Revenue/Receivables**

- Commonwealth – Donald Sweasy and Donna Hall
- CGI – Ben Hoh

# eMARS Upgrade Project Teams

## ➤ Universes/ETLs - TEAM

- Commonwealth
  - Rachelle Wilkins
  - John Bailey
  - Jason Bishop
  - Diana Holberg
- CGI
  - Ramya Asokan
  - Srihari Venugopal



# eMARS Upgrade Project Teams

## ➤ FAS2

- Commonwealth – Mike Grisham
- CGI – Ben Hoh

## ➤ Training

- Commonwealth – Donna Hall and Jamie Breeze

## ➤ Agency Liaison

- Commonwealth – Donna Hall



# Miscellaneous



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# Ky Contract Exp Smry Universe

- Represents ONLY cash expenditures
- Includes cash expenditure data referencing
  - Purchase Orders including *PON2s*
  - Delivery Orders
  - Contracts
  - Master Agreements
- Updated monthly by Accounting Period
  - Currently contains data through Period 2
- Additional information on this Universe may be found at:

<http://finance.ky.gov/internal/eMARS/reports.htm>



# Ky Contract Exp Smry Universe

This universe is currently a *work in progress*. Therefore, users should verify data carefully and report any discrepancies to the Customer Resource Center at:

[Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov](mailto:Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov)



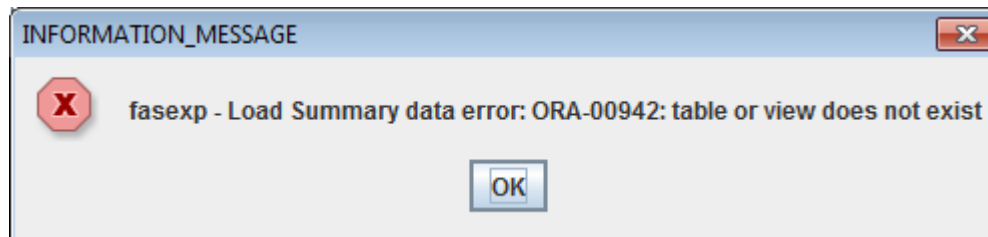
# Management Reporting Database

- MRDB contains all MARS data
- MRDB remains available to all users
- *FCT2* & *FCT3* tables recently purged from database
  - Same data exists on *FCT1* tables
  - Needed to reduce cost of data storage
- Queries built from *FCT2* or *FCT3* tables should be rebuilt using *FCT1* table



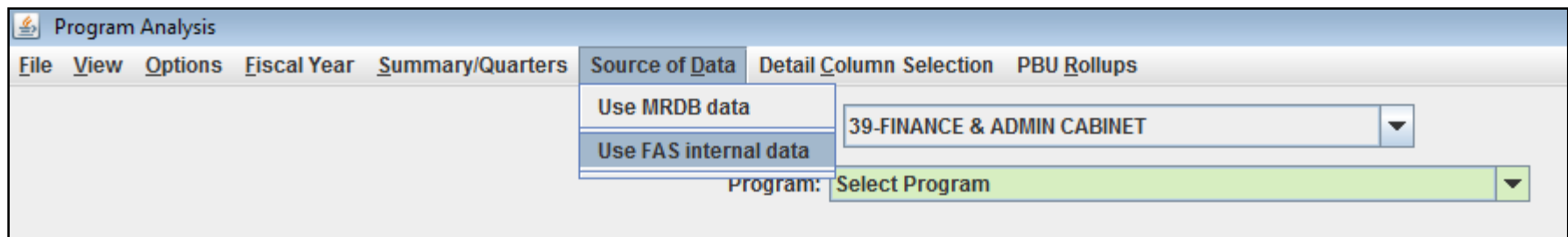
# FAS

- Recent changes to MRDB tables are issuing errors in FAS Application (elimination of the *FCT2* and *FCT3* tables)



# FAS

- The FAS application is designed to run off the MRDB database as it's primary data source but also has an internal data source that was updated nightly.
- To change the application to the internal data
  - Select **Source of Data** from the menu
  - Select **Use FAS internal data** from the drop down menu



- This will resolve the errors within the FAS application



# Agency Deski Report Redevelopment

## ➤ Agency Deski Report Redevelopment

- Should be **over** 50% complete to date
- **Must** be completed by calendar year end **Dec. 31, 2010**
- Includes all reports stored:
  - in *Cabinet, Department, or My Favorites* folders
  - on the clients desktop or local server location

## ➤ Deski Report Clean Up Process:

- e-mail the [Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov](mailto:Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov) providing a list of reports to be deleted and identifying the report location within infoAdvantage

**NOTE:** Deski Servers will be shut down Dec. 31, 2010 and users will **not** be able to refresh Thick Client reports at that time.

# Pcard News

- *Financial Reform Bill* allows credit card merchants to impose a minimum single transaction amount.
- VISA merchants are permitted to impose a \$10 minimum on credit card charges only (not debit card.)

# Agency Contacts

- Verify all agency contacts on the *Agency Contact Listing*
- Update any contact using the *Agency Delegation & Contact Information Packet* located @  
<http://finance.ky.gov/internal/eMARS/Agency+Contacts.htm>.
- AIL to e-mail or fax updates to the Customer Resource Center.



# eMARS Outage

- Planned for Thursday, Jan. 13 through Monday, Jan. 17 (Martin Luther King holiday weekend) in order to complete hardware migration of eMARS production servers
  - CRC and Project Team will plan to hold some user sessions to introduce the newest version of eMARS
- Any changes will be posted on the *eMARS News & Alerts* page

<http://mars.ky.gov/alerts/marsnewsalerts.htm>



# Questions ?

